



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

Meeting Agenda NOVEMBER 8-9, 2013 – REGULAR MEETING

Natural Resources Building - 1111 Washington St SE Olympia WA 98501
First Floor, Room 172

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2013

- 8:30 AM** **1. Call to Order** *15 min*
 a. Commissioners' Discussion
 b. Meeting Minute Approval
- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *30 min*
 The Commission is a direct link between the citizens of Washington and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. Comments on Department programs and topics of concern are welcome during this portion of the meeting.
 NOTE: During this portion of the meeting, the public is encouraged to comment on issues that do not already have public input time on the agenda.
- 9:15 AM** **3. Director's Report** *90 min*
 The Director will brief the Commission on various items.
- 10:45 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 11:00 AM** **4. HPA Rules – Briefing** *40 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission on three proposed new hydraulic code rules sections.

 Staff Report: Randi Thurston, Protection Division Manager, Habitat Program
- 11:40 AM** **5. Proposed Land Transaction – Briefing, Public Hearing and Decision** *20 min*
 The Commission will consider approval of various land transactions recommended by the Department for the protection of critical fish and wildlife habitat, enhancement of public recreation opportunities.

 - Proposed Acquisition of 589 acres in Yakima County
 - Proposed Acquisition of 5,497 acres in Kittitas County
 Staff Report: Dan Budd, Real Estate Section Manager, Wildlife Program
- Public Input – This Item Only**
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch Break** *60 min*
- 1:00 PM** **6. Technical WAC Amendments and Repeal, Round 6 – Structural Improvements and Updates - Decision** *25 min*
 Department staff will brief the Commission and request approval on proposed

updates, technical changes, and structural improvements to rules in conjunction with the WAC Overhaul project.

Staff Report: Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst, Enforcement Program

1:25 PM **7. Batch 5 WAC Overhaul Technical Changes – Briefing and Public Hearing** *60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission and hold a public hearing on the 5th batch of WAC overhaul technical changes. These changes include repealing outdated rules, consolidating rules, correcting references, and updating language for clarity.

Staff Report: Joanna Eide, Administrative Regulations Analyst and Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Program

Public Input – This Item Only

2:25 PM **8. Dive Fishery Rules – Briefing and Public Hearing** *45 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission and hold a public hearing on proposed changes to commercial scallop, sea cucumber, and urchin dive fishery rules to reduce illegal geoduck harvest and streamline, clarify, and update rule language.

Staff Report: Mike Cenci, Deputy Chief, Enforcement Program.

Public Input – This Item Only

3:10 PM **Break** *15 min*

3:25 PM **9. Washington’s Reptiles and Amphibians - Briefing** *45 min*

At the request of the Commission, Department staff will present a briefing on the current status of reptiles and amphibians in Washington.

Staff Report: Lisa Hallock, Biologist, Wildlife Program and Marc Hayes, Scientist, Habitat Program

4:10 PM **10. WDFW’s Forest Management Strategy on Department Lands – Briefing** *60 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on WDFW’s forest management strategy on department lands.

Staff Report: Clay Sprague, Lands Division Manager, Wildlife Program and Richard Tveten, Restoration Ecologist, Wildlife Program

5:10 PM **Recess**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

8:30 AM 11. Open Public Input

30 min

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9:00 AM 12. Grays Harbor Salmon Management – Briefing & Public Hearing

*1 hr
40 min*

Department staff will brief the Commission on Grays Harbor salmon fishery management and challenges, followed by a panel discussion on Grays Harbor salmon issues. Staff is seeking direction from the Commission on Grays Harbor Salmon Management Policy sideboards.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Region 6 Fish Program Manager

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10:40 AM Break

15 min

10:55 AM 13. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

30 min

The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before or during the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published.

11:25 AM Adjourn

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